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CHINA.

Reports from Shanghai—Smallpox—Cholera reported—Plague at Foochow.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, July 10 and 30, as follows:

During the week ended July 2, 1904, 1 original bill and 2 supplemental bills of health were issued, the former being granted to the U. S. Navy transport *Solace*, without inspection, at the request of the commanding officer and upon the certificate of her surgeon. There were inspected 2 vessels, 203 crew, 86 cabin and 184 steerage passengers. One case of suspected smallpox removed at quarantine from the steamship *China* was investigated. The case proved to be a non-quarantinable disease. There were disinfected 7 pieces of steerage passengers' baggage. Manifests were viséed for 26,811 pieces of freight. Three immigrants were inspected and passed.

The report of the municipal health officer shows for the week: Smallpox, 3 deaths; enteric fever, 1 case; diphtheria, 1 case and 2 deaths; tuberculosis, 44 deaths, and 12 deaths from diarrhea. The total

mortality was 4 foreigners and 143 natives.

As stated in a previous report, it is rumored that cholera is present within the French concession and the native city, but such rumor this office has not yet been able to verify.

The consulat Foochow reports that some three weeks ago a few cases of plague were present at that place. No quarantinable diseases are,

however, reported from outports at this time.

During the week ended July 16, 1904, 3 supplemental and 2 original bills of health were issued. There were inspected 5 vessels, 394 crew, 54 cabin and 337 steerage passengers. Twelve cases of illness were investigated, none of which proved to be a quarantinable disease There were also inspected 52 pieces of passengers' baggage, and 3 pieces of steerage passengers' baggage were disinfected. The amount of freight viséed was 28,986 pieces. Two immigration inspections were made with no rejections.

The report of the municipal health officer shows for the week: Smallpox, 3 deaths; enteric fever, 3 cases; diphtheria, 1 case, 2 deaths; tuberculosis, 31 deaths; diarrhea, 18 deaths. The total mortality

reported was 2 foreigners and 143 natives.

No quarantinable diseases reported from outports.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port—Improved sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended August 13, 1904. Estimated population, 4,000; 1 death; prevailing diseases, malarial fevers; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fair. There seems to be a radical improvement in the health conditions of Limon for the last three weeks, as shown by greatly lessened mortality and a much lower number of inmates in the various hospitals. It must be due to natural causes, such as heavy rains, for nothing in the way of sanitation has been done.

Bills of health were issued to the following named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	passengers	
Aug. 7 8 8 9 10 11 12 13	Brewster Buenos Aires Altai Bound Brook Belvernon Matina Brighton Watson Venus	121 48 35 21 46 23	0 55 5 5 0 1 0 0	0 135 5 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0

In addition to bills of health issued to vessels bound for American ports there were viséed 4 for Panaman ports, and 37 passengers therefor examined and given certificates.

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, August 16, as follows: During the week ended August 13, 1904, 4 vessels were inspected, with a total crew of 102 and 1 passenger. All the vessels were in good sanitary condition; no sickness.

The order by the city authorities closing all insanitary tenement houses, reported by this office on May 25, 1904, has been annulled by the provincial authorities. These houses are extremely harmful to the health of the city.

Report from Habana—Case of sickness from steamship Niagara from Tampico held.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Echemendia reports, August 10, as follows: Week ended August 6, 1904:

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued, 25; crew of outgoing vessels inspected, 1,012; passengers of outgoing vessels inspected, 613.

From the Ward Line steamship *Niagara*, arrived at this port on August 8, from Tampico, Mexico, one man of the crew was landed with high fever and was taken by the Cuban service to Las Animas Hospital for observation.

Mortuary report of Habana during the week ended August 6, 1904.

Number of deaths
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